

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 532
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A RESOLUTION to honor Latina Davis, member of the 1996
NCAA Women's Basketball Champion
Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

WHEREAS, this legislative body deems it appropriate to recognize those persons whose athletic achievements are a credit to their community and state; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean deserving of special commendation is Latina Davis of the Tennessee Lady Volunteers, whose excellence on the hardwood enabled her team to win the coveted NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, during the Lady Vols' run to the Final Four, Latina's will to win electrified her teammates. Selected as the NCAA East Regional Most Valuable Player, she scorched the nets for 16 points in the first half against Radford, 25 points against Ohio State, 18 against Kansas, and turned in a yeomanlike 12 point, nine rebound performance over Virginia in a thrilling come-from-behind victory; and

WHEREAS, for her performance against Connecticut during the regular season, Latina was deservedly selected by CBS as the Chevrolet Player of the Game.

WHEREAS, known for her outstanding leadership and smothering defense, Latina often carried the load offensively for the Lady Vols this year, surpassing the 1,000 point barrier in the process. Her teammates voted her the team's "Unsung Hero" at the end of the season; and

WHEREAS, Latina Davis has etched her name on several top ten lists at the tradition-rich school; she ranks sixth in career free throw percentage, and is ranked in three categories on the all-time three point list, including three pointers made, percentage and attempts; and

WHEREAS, Latina's outstanding play in the semifinal and championship rounds earned her a spot on the Final Four All Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, Latina has excelled as a team player who has often been the spark which has ignited the team and led her teammates to victory when commentators had already ceded the win to their opponents; and

WHEREAS, she has played internationally at the World University Games in Japan and was a standout player on the gold medalist 1994 Jones Cup Team. Latina also performed as a member of the gold medalist South team at the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival; and

WHEREAS, during a sensational career at Franklin County High School in Winchester, Latina garnered virtually every accolade possible. She was part of the first Kodak High School All-American squad and earned first-team All-America honors from *USA Today* and *Parade*. Latina was chosen 1992 Class AAA Miss Basketball as a senior and earned all-state honors as a junior and senior from both the Associated Press and United Press International; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans and the good people of Winchester alike are extremely proud of Latina's accomplishments as a representative of this state; she is a shining example of all that is good in collegiate athletics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Latina Davis for her extraordinary achievements as a member of the 1996 National Champion Lady Volunteers, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

